

2003 POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE



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EPA is seeking nominations of projects and programs that demonstrate successful source reduction. **Source reduction** prevents the generation of waste and environmental releases and conserves natural resources. It is the preferred approach to environmental management and environmental protection. Applications may be submitted from any eligible parties that have conducted successful pollution prevention projects.

Who is Eligible:

Business and industry **are eligible** for the 2003 Pollution Prevention Awards Program. These are non-monetary awards that recognize environmental excellence. Entities that have been the subject of civil enforcement actions which included the assessment of monetary penalties or of criminal enforcement actions are **not eligible** for this program until a period of at least one year after the enforcement action has been resolved. In addition, projects conducted as a settlement condition in a consent order with the environmental regulating agency, such as the EPA, are also **not eligible**.

Projects funded by the EPA through any mechanism, including grants, contracts or cooperative agreements, are not eligible for this awards program.

What Kind of Projects are Eligible?

Pollution Prevention is a multimedia environmental management technique that emphasizes the elimination or reduction of wastes at the source of generation. Pollution Prevention also emphasizes the reduction of direct environmental impacts and the use of resources and materials. The goals of Pollution Prevention are to eliminate or reduce waste generation; conserve natural resources and materials; including energy; prevent spills and accidental releases; prevent product losses; reduce hazardous materials use; and promote the purchasing and use of less hazardous or more efficient equipment.

Categories of Activities and Projects:

Applications should be submitted for one of the following **five categories**:

Energy Efficiency and Renewable or Alternative Energy

Sources - projects which focus in energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, or alternatives fuel vehicles including development, purchasing or use of products and materials.

Community Pollution Prevention - projects that address environmental concerns from a community perspective or which use the Pollution Prevention philosophy in a Brownfield project or urban redevelopment project.

Pollution Prevention for Environmental Justice - activities or projects that have directly impacted and benefitted low income or minority communities.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services - projects that develop and market environmentally preferable products and services or that demonstrate efforts to institutionalize the use of environmentally preferable products and services.

General Pollution Prevention - activities or projects which emphasize source reduction of chemicals, substitution of hazardous chemicals with a safer alternative, or water conservation.

Evaluation:

All applications will be evaluated based on how they address the following criteria:

1. Use of Pollution Prevention philosophy in the project;
2. Use of innovative approaches, techniques and/or technologies;
3. Measurement of the benefits and results realized by the applicant;
4. Environmental improvement or benefits resulting from the activity or project;
5. Use of partnerships with other organizations or the community;
6. Ability of program or activity to serve as a model for other efforts; and,
7. Commitment of organization to Pollution Prevention programs and activities. This may include participation in EPA programs such as identified at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region07/p2/volprog/>

Additional information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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REGION 7
POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Instructions: Please complete the following form filling in all blanks. If you do not have information for an item, please enter "none" or "not applicable." For example, if you do not have an E-mail address, please write, "none." Please print or type. If additional space is needed to respond, please provide a separate sheet with the additional information.

Project Title: _____

Category:

- ☐ Energy Efficiency and Renewable or Alternative Energy Sources ☐ Use of Environmentally Preferable Products and Services
☐ Community Pollution Prevention ☐ General Pollution Prevention
☐ Pollution Prevention for Environmental Justice

Primary Project Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Fax: (____) _____ - _____

Company or Organization: _____

Division, Team or Unit within a larger organization, if applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Description of Business or Organization: _____

Size of Business or Organization:

- ☐ Less than 100 persons ☐ Between 100 and 1,000 persons ☐ Greater than 1,000 persons

Names and Titles of individuals responsible for the project:

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| 1) _____ | _____ |
| 2) _____ | _____ |
| 3) _____ | _____ |
| 4) _____ | _____ |

Project Dates (beginning and ongoing/ending dates): _____

Attach a one-paragraph description of the project. Description should address the following criteria:

Use no more than one paragraph for each criterion listed below:

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| 1. Use of Pollution Prevention philosophy in the project. | 5. Use of partnerships with other organizations or the community. |
| 2. Use of innovative approaches, techniques and/or technologies. | 6. Ability of program or activity to serve as a model for other efforts. |
| 3. Measurement of the benefits and results realized by the applicant. | 7. Commitment of the organization to Pollution Prevention Programs and activities. |
| 4. Environmental improvement or community benefits resulting from the activity or project. | |

The deadline for submitting applications for awards is July 15, 2003. To be eligible, a complete application, providing all of the information above, must be received by EPA Region 7 on or before July 15, 2003. Applications should be provided to:

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